



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: **HIROYAMA, Ryouji et al.**

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FOR: **SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED JULY 15, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 12, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **July 15, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor laser device; and Group (II), Claims 9-16, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor laser device.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-8 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

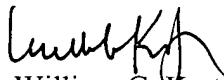
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